

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS  
ARTS COMMISSION**

**Minutes:** Special Meeting of the Arts Commission  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday, May 19, 2003  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas Community Center, Rooms 7&8, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd.

**I. Call to Order** Chairperson Foulk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Phantom Art Gallery Honor Ceremony – Maby Hoskins**

The Commission met at the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery and presented Maby Hoskins, featured artist, a Certificate of Commendation, for her contributions to the Milpitas community through the arts. She thanked the Commission and the City of Milpitas for the opportunity to display her work.

**III. Flag Salute (7:23)** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Roll Call** Commissioner's Barrie, Cherry, Foulk, Hays, Ogle, Rabe and Alternates Barnes (left early 7:35) and Gupta were present.

Commissioner Hicks was absent.

City Staff Present: Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager, Renee Lorentzen, Public Services Assistant II

City Council Liaison Present: Armando Gomez

**V. Seating of Alternates** No Alternates were seated.

**VI. Agenda** **MOTION** to approve the May 19, 2003, Agenda as submitted.  
M/S: Ogle/Rabe Ayes: All Ayes

**VII. Minutes** The Commission tabled the approval of the April 28, 2003, Minutes to the June 23, 2003, meeting.

**VIII. Citizens Forum** Al Garcia  
1134 Ridgemont Dr.  
Milpitas, CA 95035

Mr. Garcia, Community Advisory Commission Chair, announced that in an effort to build community spirit, the Community Advisory Commission is promoting "Neighborhood Night Out" in Milpitas on August 12, 2003. The Community Advisory Commission is asking fellow Commissioners to promote "Neighborhood Night Out" in their own neighborhoods. Mr. Garcia handed out information and a Neighborhood Night Out Registration Form.

Commissioner Barnes requested that they consider working with the SAFE Program, since the two programs support similar causes. Commissioner Hays asked what the visiting police officer would do. Mr. Garcia answered; the officer attending would answer any questions the neighborhood might have on safety, etc. Commissioner Ogle asked what he considered the ideal atmosphere for this event, block party? Backyard get-together? Mr. Garcia answered that a block party would be a good idea.

## **IX. Announcements/Correspondence**

- Milpitas Rainbow Theatre Auditioned for their summer play, *Guys and Dolls*. 80 kids tried out and 37 were cast.
- Summer registration well under way with over 1,100 people served and 4,570 separate enrollments.
- Memorial Day Ceremony is on May 26, 2003, at 9am. This event is held rain or shine.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Milpitas Alliance for the Arts Mothers Day Tea. The event was successful with over 65 people in attendance.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – San Jose Wind Symphony. It was a good concert with 85-90 people in attendance.

## **X. New Business**

### **1. Phantom Art Gallery Display March – April 2004**

Public Services Assistant II, Renee Lorentzen, informed the Commission that in response to the Commission's request to designate Phantom Art Gallery time for children's artwork, preschool staff approached Ms. Lorentzen, about designating the months of March and April for displaying children's artwork, coinciding with the Month of the Young Child.

Commissioner Rabe stated that she has been impressed with the amount of artwork that has been selling from the past few Galleries and would hate to see it lose momentum. Commissioner Cherry asked if they could display the children's artwork at City Hall or possibly at the Milpitas Unified School District Board Room. Chairperson Foulk informed the Commission that each wall of the Board Room is designated and rotated between classrooms in the district. Chairperson Foulk stated that the preschool classes could possibly be rotated in.

Commissioner Barrie said that having the children's artwork up in the Phantom Art Gallery would bring in parents, uncles, grandparents, etc., and that it would be great publicity. Chairperson Foulk suggested that the children's artwork be up in the Phantom Art Gallery for the month of April only. He asked if staff could create some sort of poster or sign advertising the Phantom Art Gallery. Commissioner Gupta stated that incorporating children's artwork into the Phantom Art Gallery schedule would bring in a new crowd of viewers.

**MOTION** to designate the month of April to children's artwork in the Phantom Art Gallery.

M/S: Barrie/Cherry                      Ayes: All

### **2. Phantom Art Gallery Daniel White**

Daniel White, Phantom Art Gallery Applicant, presented the Commission with a selection of paintings. Chairperson Foulk asked Mr. White how many paintings he has completed at this time. Mr. White answered he had about 25 paintings, currently. Commissioner Barrie asked if all his paintings were framed. Mr. White said, not all his paintings were framed, as it is expensive to frame

paintings. Commissioner Hays asked how long he had been painting. Mr. White answered he had been painting for a year.

Commissioner Cherry asked if Mr. White had any “happier” paintings in his repertoire. Commissioner Foulk asked if any of his other paintings leaned toward the lighter side. Commissioner Hays asked the Commission if the message of the artwork was the direction that the Phantom Art Gallery wants to go. Commissioner Hays asked if he had anything appropriate for the Phantom Art Gallery. He said he did have work he felt was appropriate. She stated that she would like to see Mr. White return with work more representative of what would be displayed. Commissioner Barrie stated she would like to see Mr. White have a few more years of experience before showing at the Phantom Art Gallery. Commissioner Rabe said that Mr. White will be growing and changing as an artist over the years and she is excited to see how he develops.

Mr. White said that he paints what he feels and that’s what the Commission sees in his paintings. Commissioner Cherry said she thinks Mr. White is very talented and suggested that the Commission look at the paintings up close, they are very different from a distance. Commissioner Gupta stated that she felt the Commission should give Mr. White a chance. The youth need representation also. The Commission is limiting the Gallery if they are trying to cater only to the families bringing in children for preschool. They are forgetting about Mr. White’s family and friends and what they want to see.

Council Member Gomez asked what the guidelines for applying artists are. Commissioner Rabe read from the Phantom Art Gallery Application ... “[a]ll artists must have their art framed, or appropriately mounted, when presenting to the Arts Commission all art work will be screened by the Commission to ensure that the subject matter displayed is appropriate for viewing by the general public.” Commissioner Rabe asked if Mr. White would be willing to share gallery space with a couple other young artists in a joint gallery opening. Mr. White said he was. Commissioner Ogle said she would like to see him with other artists with other art mediums. Chairperson Foulk suggested staff contact the art teachers at the Milpitas High School to find a couple other developing artists to share gallery time.

**MOTION** to have Mr. White come back with more art work in the Fall while staff contacts the Milpitas High School art teachers for the possibility of joining Mr. White with other students for a collaborative Phantom Art Gallery.

M/S: Ogle/Cherry Ayes: All

### **3. Art Donation Policy**

Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, informed the Commission that staff had researched other cities and their existing art donation policies to create the draft that is before them. The City Attorney has reviewed the drafted policy. Recreation Manager, Greiner, pointed out the following areas in the draft to the Commission:

1. The Commission will recommend the approval or denial of artwork donated to the City Council, but City Council will have the ultimate deciding vote.
2. Once artwork is donated to the City, it becomes City property.
3. Acceptance of the artwork does not obligate the City to display the artwork.

Commissioner Rabe confirmed that this Policy is for donated artwork only. Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, said yes, and the City has the right to remove the artwork at any time.

Commissioner Cherry asked what would happen if a visiting City wanted to donate or present the City with artwork. Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, answered that it would be considered a gift and would go directly to City Council. Donations of art would go through the Arts Commission.

Commissioner Hays asked what inspired the drafting of the donation policy. Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, answered that the policy is primarily for the artist, so they are sure of their role as a donating artist and the City's role in assuming ownership of the donated artwork.

**MOTION** to approve the Art Donation Policy and Artist Application.

M/S: Hays/Barrie Ayes: All

#### **4. Arts Day 2003**

Public Services Assistant II, Lorentzen, informed the Commission that the City has received a sponsorship from First Five of Santa Clara County, in the amount of \$10,000 for Arts Day 2003. Public Services Assistant II, Lorentzen, stated the event is tentatively planned for October 4, 2003, at the Milpitas Community Center lawn and City Hall amphitheatre from 10am-2pm. She explained that previous event collaborators, Milpitas Alliance for the Arts and Milpitas Unified School District have agreed to return for Arts Day 2003. She listed the following activities and entertainment tentatively planned:

- Poster Contest
- Chalk Art Activity
- Water Colors
- Finger Painting
- Origami
- Cultural Storytelling
- Ballet Folkloric Milpitas
- South Bay School of Music Arts
- Rainbow Theatre
- Snacks
- Giveaways

Public Services Assistant II, Lorentzen, added that First Five has 20-25 employees who will be working the event.

**MOTION** to 1) approve the Arts Day 2003 for October 4, 2003 at the Milpitas Community Center lawn and City Hall amphitheatre from 10am-2pm.  
2) Have Commissioner's Cherry, Foulk and serve on the Arts Day 2003 subcommittee and 3) theme the Poster Contest "Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Milpitas!"

M/S: Barrie/Hays Ayes: All

#### **XI. Staff Reports**

None

#### **XII. Liaison Reports**

##### *6. Milpitas Historical Society*

Commissioner Ogle told the Commission that the Milpitas Historical Society is looking for cups or mugs for their coin toss booth to be at the Milpitas Art and

Wine Festival 2003. Anyone wishing to donate cups or mugs should contact Mabel Mathers with the Milpitas Historical Society.

**XIII. Future Agenda Items**

**XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairperson Foulk adjourned the meeting at 8:38p.m.until the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 23, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lorentzen  
Recording Secretary